

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

As a journalist, writer, translator and educator, I am deeply disturbed by the continuing consolidation of media ownership and the narrowing spectrum of options to freely express diverse points of view that goes along with it. I do believe that there is no more fundamental right in our democracy than the freedom to express oneself, and have those opinions actually be heard.